Committee Room, City Hall,
May 4th, 1920.

THIRTEENTH MEETING.

NO. 1 COMMITTEE meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 4th, 1920, at 8.15 p.m.
PRESENT: Alderman Cunningham (Chairman) Brighton, J.C.Wilson, Harley and Bridge and His Worship Mayor Little and Housing Commissioners Dennis Cunliffe, Jackson and Hessell.

330 HOUSING COMMISSION (see par. 312,320)

§ Baker certifying that the Council, on April 19th, referred the communication of Chairman Dennis of the Housing Commission to No. 1 Committee, with power.

Alderman Cunningham states that the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the proposed plans of the London Housing Commission for the year 1920.

Mr. Dennis reports that expenditures incurred for 1919 were as follows:

Beatrice Street, ten houses and land	$32,791.00
Pine Lawn site	10,182.00
Houses under contract	54,564.00
Loans approved but construction not proceeded with	11,900.00
	$109,437.00

The Commission would require for 1920, estimated, expenditure:

Pine Lawn	
20 houses at $3,400.00	$68,000.00
22 houses at $3,000.00	66,000.00
6 houses at $4,500.00	27,000.00
Pine Lawn annex	1,000.00
Garfield Avenue	
Lands	48,000.00
17 lots	7,500.00
17 houses	79,000.00
Additional houses for citizens who will build houses who have lots of their own	70,000.00
	$369,500.00

Mr. Dennis states that there were thirteen hundred houses short at the present time. Much of the criticism on account of the high cost of houses was due to the building restrictions of the Housing Commission. The applicants have to pay eight per cent for principal and interest, together with taxes and other necessary costs. The Commission investigated all applicants and exercised as great care as possible.

His Worship Mayor Little suggested that the Commission should require more than ten per cent deposit for the higher priced houses and Alderman Bridge recommended that the Commission should demand a deposit of twenty per cent.

Alderman Brighton moves, and it is adopted, that the proposals of the Housing Commission re construction for 1920 be adopted and by-laws for debentures for $369,500 passed as required.

It was pointed out that it would be unwise to build cheap houses on the Garfield Avenue property.

Mr. Dennis states that fourteen had withdrawn their applications for loan on account of the increased costs. He believed that this danger would be less liable to occur in the higher priced houses as the risks would be better.

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.

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Chairman.